

ANCONA CHARGES DENIED BY AUSTRIA

Declares Submarine Did Not Fire Upon Lifeboats.

45 MINUTES TO LEAVE

Washington Still Withholds Details. Unconscious Over Steamer's Destruction Continues In Official Circles.

Berlin.—The Austro-Hungarian Admiralty officially announced that the Italian steamship Ancona attempted to escape at full speed after a warning shot had been fired across her bow, and that the vessel only stopped after being shelled several times by an Austrian submarine.

Given 45 Minutes To Leave.

The submarine commander, it is further asserted, allowed the Ancona's passengers and crew 45 minutes to abandon ship, after which the vessel was torpedoed, sinking three-quarters of an hour later. The report that the submarine fired on the lifeboats is denied.

The statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian Admiralty, after declaring that the foreign press had spread false rumors regarding the Ancona incident, says the sinking took place as follows:

"The submarine fired one shot in front of the Ancona's prow, whereupon the steamer fled at full speed, in accordance with the order issued by the Italian authorities, which instructs ship commanders to flee or to sink the submarine. The submarine pursued the steamer and continued firing, but the vessel stopped only after being hit several times.

Says Crew Took Boats.

"The submarine allowed 45 minutes for the passengers and crew to abandon the steamer, on board of which panic reigned, but only a small number of boats were lowered and these were occupied principally by the crew. "A great number of boats, probably sufficient to save all the passengers, remained unoccupied.

"After a period of 50 minutes, and as another steamer was approaching, the submarine submerged and torpedoed the Ancona, which sank after an additional 45 minutes.

"If any of the passengers lost their lives this was due to the fault of the crew, because the steamer tried to escape after it had received orders to stop, and then the crew saved only themselves and not the passengers.

"Reports published in the foreign press that the submarine fired on the Ancona's lifeboats are mendacious inventions. When the steamer stopped the submarine ceased firing."

FLYER TUMBLES INTO OCEAN.

Life Belt Saves Him When Hydroaeroplane Turns Turtle.

Marblehead, Mass.—One of the new hydro-aeroplanes which are being experimented with here prior to delivery to the United States Navy Department turned turtle 50 feet in the air over the Marblehead Neck. The machine left the Burgess plant in charge of Clifford L. Webster, and after a first satisfactory flight one plane refused to work. Mr. Webster operated the new life belt successfully, falling free from the hurtling machine and landing feet first in the ocean, where he was quickly rescued, the new invention probably saving his life.

ELKS' NATIONAL HOME.

Present Plans Call For Its Dedication Next July.

Lynchburg.—It is the present purpose of the committee of the Elks Grand Lodge, which has in charge the construction of the new national home near Bedford, to have the dedicatory exercises of the home just prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Baltimore the second week in next July, so as to have the delegates from the West and South stop over at Bedford to participate in the ceremonies.

WAR IN AFRICA NOT OVER.

Union Decides To Send 25,000 Men Against Germans.

Pretoria, Union of South Africa.—Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, Minister of Defense, has been given supreme command of the military expedition against German East Africa. The Union of South Africa has decided to send against the German colony as many as 25,000 men, if a force of that size should be deemed necessary.

ON PAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION.

President and Vice-President Of Peruvian Section Elected.

Lima, Peru.—Eulogio Larrabure y Unanus, former Vice-President of Peru, and Ramon Ribeyro have been elected president and vice-president, respectively, of the newly installed Peruvian section of the Pan-American Commission. The members are now studying the conventions which were approved by the Pan-American Congress in Buenos Ayres in 1910.

HOSPITAL SHIP NOT MISUSED.

British Admiralty Denies German Intention.

London.—The Admiralty gave out the following official statement: "A German wireless dispatch on November 12 intimated that British hospital ships were being used to convey troops, munitions and other war material. This is absolutely false. British hospital ships always have been and always will be used in accordance with conditions prescribed by the Geneva convention."

NEW PEACE MOVE NOW UNDER WAY

President Wilson Told Of Plan For Congress of Neutrals.

TO BE HELD IN EUROPE

David Starr Jordan, Head Of Recent International Congress In Frisco, Presents Resolution To President Wilson.

Washington.—David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, and head of the International Peace Congress, recently held in San Francisco, told President Wilson that a quasi-official meeting of neutral nations probably will be held some time before Christmas, either at The Hague, Berne or Copenhagen, to attempt to bring about peace in Europe. Dr. Jordan conveyed to the President a resolution from the Peace Congress, urging him to co-operate with other neutrals in calling such a conference.

In a statement laid before the President by Dr. Jordan it was declared that as a result of recent missions to the governments of the warring nations, it could be stated that while the nations at war were not willing themselves to begin negotiations for peace, "there is nevertheless abundant evidence that those charged with the administration of the foreign policies of these nations would welcome, or at least not oppose affirmative action by a neutral agency to bring about a peace based on international justice."

European Neutrals Ready.

Dr. Jordan said that while no official information was available, peace advocates had learned from unofficial sources in Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and Spain that those countries would be glad to take part in any movement to further the cause of peace. Dr. Jordan was accompanied by Louis P. Loehner, secretary of the Chicago Peace Society, and who acted as secretary to Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, when she visited Europe as a representative of the Women's Peace Congress, and much of the information communicated to the President was gathered by Miss Addams and her companions.

Dr. Jordan took the position that it would be more natural for the European neutrals to invite the United States to participate in the peace conference than for the United States to issue the invitation. He said that an unofficial meeting of peace advocates at Berne, December 14, at which plans for bringing about peace will be discussed, would be attended by people from the United States.

For Continuous Mediation.

The idea of the quasi-official peace conference suggested to President Wilson on behalf of the International Peace Congress by Dr. Jordan was that it would constitute a voluntary court of continuous mediation, would invite suggestions for settlement from each of the warring nations, and in any case, would submit simultaneously to all of them reasonable proposals as a basis for peace.

TO CHANGE ARMY PLAN.

Militiamen's Opposition Believed Due To Unfamiliarity.

Washington.—Refusal of the National Guard Convention at San Francisco to approve the "continental" reserve army plan, Secretary of War Garrison indicated, may change plans for enlistment of State militia in the continentals. If the Guardsmen feel that machinery for wholesale enlistment of state troops in the continentals would weaken the militia, the option of enlistment will be stricken from the proposed bill establishing continentals. War Department officials believe unfamiliarity with Garrison's plans caused the Guardsmen's convention to withhold approval.

RADIUM NOW \$36,000 A GRAM.

Cost Cut From \$120,000 By U. S. Bureau Of Mines.

Pittsburgh.—Radium at \$36,000 a gram instead of \$120,000 a gram has been possible by the technical research work of the United States Bureau of Mines during the last year, according to Van H. Manning, director of the bureau, who is in Pittsburgh inspecting the work on the new experimental station being constructed here. Mr. Manning said that the procedure by which the price of radium has been cut will be published within a few weeks and will mean thousands of dollars saved in all lines in which radium is utilized.

FIVE INDICTED WITH FAY.

Breitung Among the Men Charged With Plotting To Blow Up Ships.

New York.—The Federal Grand Jury presented to Judge Harland Howe in the Criminal Branch of the United States District Court, an indictment against Robert Fay, Walter Scholz, Paul Daech, Engelbert Bronkhorst, Max Breitung and Herbert Kienzle. They are charged with having engaged in a conspiracy to depoll owners of vessels of merchandise cargoes and to destroy vessels to the injury of persons who had placed insurance on them.

U. S. STEAMER LLAMA SUNK.

Lost After Being Run Upon Reef By British Prize Crew.

Washington.—The American steamer Llama, seized and run on a reef by a British prize crew last week, has been washed off the reef and has sunk. The American Consul at Kirkwall reported today only one of the Llama's masts was visible above the water. The State Department is investigating the circumstances of the vessel's seizure.

WHAT'S IN A NAME WITHOUT THE GAME?



GORICAR'S CHARGES CAUSE SENSATION

Austrians Accused of Plotting to Destroy Munitions Plants.

EMBASSY CALLS IT FALSE

United States Government Will Press Investigation Of Charges That Foreign Diplomats Are Back Of Disturbances.

Washington.—Published charges, attributed to Dr. Joseph Goricar, former Austro-Hungarian Consul at San Francisco, that Austrian Consuls in the United States working under the direction of Consul General Von Nuber and Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, are active in propaganda for destruction of munitions factories and fomenting strikes among the workers, will be referred by the State Department to the Department of Justice for investigation.

Embassy Denounces Goricar.

The Austrian Embassy here announced Goricar's published statement as untrue in every particular, and announced it would try to find some way to prosecute him for it. Goricar, the Embassy said, left his post on leave and failed to return.

Tries To Discredit Him.

The Austro-Hungarian Embassy issued the following statement: "Ex-Consul Dr. Goricar has been on leave of absence since the outbreak of the war, and has been temporarily attached to the Austro-Hungarian Consulate General in Berlin. There he obtained knowledge that the Austro-Hungarian authorities had received information about his secret connections with enemies, and evidently fearing detection, he suddenly left his post. From Rome he tendered his resignation, thereby preventing his dismissal. "While he was in Rome it was ascertained that he was in close relation with Russian and Serbian agents, obviously with the purpose of going to the United States to disseminate disloyalty among our immigrants.

Impugns U. S. Neutrality.

"The Austro-Hungarian Embassy has been informed that quite a number of southern Slavs from the monarchy have been enlisted by the allies' agents and have left this country to fight against the Austro-Hungarian army. It is very probable that Dr. Goricar contributed to these acts of treason. "The Austro-Hungarian Embassy has refrained until now from taking action to avoid disclosing that a former consular officer has broken allegiance to his fatherland. "In view, however, of his statements the Embassy must emphatically declare these accusations as false and absolutely baseless."

MILLIONS LOST IN FIRE.

Costly Blaze At Bethlehem Steel Plant Attributed To Electric Wiring.

South Bethlehem, Pa.—The fire which virtually destroyed the No. 4 machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel Company here was finally extinguished after causing damage estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000. The company has not yet issued any statement as to the loss and the estimate was made by persons not connected with the plant after viewing the damage. The building destroyed was recently constructed and equipped with valuable machinery at a cost of about \$3,000,000.

THREE BANKERS TO PRISON.

Sentenced To Five Years For Violating Federal Law.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Baron Eugene F. E. Oppenheim, of Paris; Howard J. Rogers, former deputy state superintendent of public instruction, and Richard Murphy, a former assemblyman, were sentenced to five years in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta by Judge Ray in the Federal Court. They were found guilty of violating the banking laws.

TO TRAIN POLICE FOR WAR.

New York Commissioner Arranges For Rifle Practice.

New York.—As part of the plan to equip policemen for warfare all members of the New York police force were notified that they will be offered instructions in the handling of rifles. The plan was formed by Police Commissioner Woods, who announced that the Federal Government had agreed to furnish the first 500 rifles and ammunition.

27 AMERICANS LOST ON ANCONA

Ambassador Page Notifies the State Department.

SUBMARINE SINKS LINER

American Woman Among Those Saved. Of 645 Aboard Torpedoed Liner, 370 Are Reported To Be Safe.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, SAYS BERLIN.

Berlin.—"Information from a reliable source is that the steamship Ancon was sunk by an Austro-Hungarian submarine," says the Overseas News Agency. "She attempted to escape, and thus compelled the submarine to use her guns."

Washington.—About 27 Americans are believed to have been lost with the torpedoed Italian liner Ancona, according to a cable to the State Department from Ambassador Page at Rome.

The Ambassador said the probable victims of the tragedy were Alexander Pattavio, his wife and four children, of New York; Mrs. Frances Mascolo Lamur and about 20 unnamed third-class passengers.

Mrs. Cecil L. Griel was named as the one known American survivor among the passengers.

Government Awaits Details.

The department cabled Ambassador Page and all American consuls in the vicinity of the tragedy for the details of the sinking of the vessel. It was stated by officials that the gravity of the issue between the United States and the Austrian Government would depend entirely on the circumstances of the case.

If the Ancona did not attempt to escape, the United States undoubtedly will send a protest similar to those sent to Germany during the discussion of the Lusitania case, and will demand the same guarantees, as well as disavowal and reparation.

On the other hand, if it is shown that the Ancona actually tried to escape and continued its efforts to get away after being warned by the submarines, it is believed here that this Government will not make an issue of the case, even though Americans were lost.

Indemnity Doubtful.

Just as the circumstances of the sinking of the Ancona will determine the gravity of the issue between the two Governments, so it will affect the interests of the heirs of Americans lost with the vessel, in the opinion of officials here. It is pointed out that if the Ancona was torpedoed in violation of international law, this Government will demand indemnity for the loss of American lives. On the other hand, if it is shown that the Austrian submarine complied with the requirements of international law, this Government will have no ground upon which to make a demand for indemnity.

BRITISH WAR CABINET.

Five Ministers To Have Absolute Control Of The Conduct Of The War.

London.—The much-discussed war committee, the cabinet within a cabinet, which will have absolute control of all matters relating to the conduct of the war during the absence of Lord Kitchener, was formally announced by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons. Arthur Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, Reginald McKenna, chancellor, of the exchequer.

Stopped, Then Sunk, Is Claim.

"A submarine approached the Ancona toward noon," says a Tunis dispatch, "and as soon as the steamer saw it an attempt was made to escape at full speed. The Ancona was overtaken and stopped. Then the submarines fired on the Ancona, sinking her amid the desperate cries of the passengers. "The lifeboats were next attacked, the submarine likewise firing on them. A woman, a man and two children were killed; their bodies are at Bizerta. "The submarine then disappeared immediately, proceeding probably in the direction of the Aegean sea."

FLEET GOING TO CHARLESTON.

Will Be Feature Of Southern Commercial Congress.

Washington.—The second and third divisions of the Atlantic fleet, including the battleships South Carolina, Utah, Michigan, Kansas, Florida, Virginia, Georgia, New Jersey and Rhode Island, with destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries, will be ordered to Charleston, S. C., during the convention of the Southern Commercial Congress, there December 12 to 17. Features of the meeting will be a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the conclusion of the Civil War and a discussion of the national defense problem.

PELLAGRA CURE FOUND.

Discovery Of Cause and Remedy Announced By Federal Service.

Washington.—Discovery of the cause of and cure for pellagra was announced formally by the Public Health Service. The announcement follows the recent publication of a report by Surgeon Joseph Goldberger on a year of experiments in co-operating with Southern state health officials, demonstrating the correctness of the theory that a one-sided diet lacking in proteins would cause the disease and that a well-balanced diet would cure it.

LAFAYETTES IMPOVERISHED.

Chateau Of the Famous General Is For Sale.

Paris.—The Lafayette family has become impoverished by the war, and having disposed of all its available property is now offering for sale the well-known chateau of Gen. Marquis de Lafayette in Auvergne. As the chateau stands a price of \$20,000 is asked. The suggestion is made that the American nation or some American millionaire buy the mansion and present it to the French nation.

MACHINE GUN TO PRISON FARM.

Georgia Determined To Prevent Lynchings Like Frank's.

Atlanta, Ga.—A machine gun was sold to the State prison farm at Nilesville by Ad. Gen. J. Van Holt Nash, of the Georgia National Guard. Warden James Smith was instructed to use the gun, if, in the future, attempts were made to remove prisoners. It was from this farm that Leo M. Frank was taken and lynched.

STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

The stringent State law against permitting shipment of game for sale in markets is responsible for the very small number of rabbits exposed for sale in the markets in the cities. Ordinarily, hundreds of rabbits are available for purchase, but this year, owing to the strictness with which the law is being enforced, the cottontails are hard to get, except from farmers who shoot them.

With his Minorca hen, "Queen Elizabeth," W. S. Gremeyer, of Carlisle, claims to have beaten the world's egg-laying record recently established by Lady Englantine, at Delaware College. "Queen Elizabeth" is said to have eclipsed the Englantine record by laying 343 eggs in 343 consecutive days, the former record being 314 eggs in 365 days.

Religious holidays, carefully observed in the Conneville coke region by hundreds of workers, cut down production last week, in spite of the fact that four hundred ovens which have been idle for a long time, were placed in operation. The 31,000 active ovens have a weekly capacity of approximately 450,000 tons.

Plans for extension of work among young women in cities were outlined at a conference at Harrisburg of representatives of the Y. W. C. A. in most of the cities of the State. It was arranged to have a celebration with Maryland and Delaware of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the association next year.

Frank L. Rimel, the eleven-year-old Chester county boy who raised 148 bushels of corn on one acre of land, has written to Governor Brumbaugh telling him how he did it and the Governor has told him that if he looks after his work so well he will become one of the most successful farmers of Pennsylvania.

The Pottsville School Board decided to ask State authorities for one year's grace for the establishment of "continuation schools," as required by the new child labor law. To accommodate the pupils in this industrial district, it would be necessary to erect a new building, as all of the Pottsville schools are overcrowded.

State investigation into the cause for the large number of typhoid fever cases in South Philadelphia, conducted under the guidance of Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health, revealed that the eating of fruits and vegetables purchased from the curb markets without cooking was the cause of many of the cases.

Orders have been received in Sharon by Superintendent W. C. Fletcher to get the local plant of the American Steel Foundries Company ready for immediate resumption at full capacity. The plant, which has been idle for thirteen months, employs about 600 men.

Some of the turnpike companies of the State are showing a disposition to fight back in the complaints made against them before the Public Service Commission. Several have asked that the commission send inspectors to see if the charges are sound.

There has been effected an organization at Nesquehoning, called "The Federation of New Citizens," the aim of which is "to promote citizenship among the Slavs and to prepare all who desire to become citizens."

At the meeting of the Berks County Conservation Association, a movement was started to acquire the "mountains" surrounding Reading and plans were made for the planting of 700,000 young trees in Reading and vicinity.

Littiz, one of the most thriving boroughs in Lancaster county, will be divided into wards. Recently, the village of Warwick and other land adjacent, was annexed.

Three men are under arrest and several strangers are being watched closely as a result of the finding of a trunk full of dynamite at the home of Eugene English, of Peckville.

B. Frank Roeller, of Royersford, has been appointed deputy factory inspector in the Department of Labor and Industry.

Mrs. Allen Peters is the champion woman corn husker in Berks county, just having completed nineteen days of husking on farms in Maxatwny Township.

The Landis Tool Company under an order of court, has released from the receivers the Flinchbaugh Manufacturing Company's plant in Greencastle and began operating it Wednesday.

Joseph R. Rohlman, of Columbia, was appointed deputy factory inspector by Commissioner Jackson.

Highway Commissioner, Harry Ingram, Lansdowne, has been suspended from service by direction of Council for irregularities in office.

Marshall Furnace at Newport, Perry county, which has been idle several years, will be blown in within a few weeks.

The prosperity wave is being felt at Shippenburg, the Domestic Engine and Pump Works going on full time after short hours for almost one year.

GOVERNOR URGES DAY OF PRAYER

Designates Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving Day.

UNSOUND ECONOMIC BASIS

Brumbaugh In Proclamation Declares Prosperity Due To The Great War—Exhortation To Worship.

Harrisburg.—Governor Brumbaugh issued his first Thanksgiving Day proclamation, calling upon the people of Pennsylvania to observe a day of thanks for "a year of health, plenty and social advance" and declaring that at the same time people should take steps to reach "a sound economic condition." The proclamation says: "Let us observe reverently our day of thanksgiving, not alone because it is a custom so to do, but because it is a privilege annually to make public acknowledgment of gratitude to God for His manifold mercies and blessings. We are a worthy people only as we are an humble and a devout people. Not to see the guiding wisdom of God in the affairs of men is to be ignorant of the vital controlling force in the uplift of the race. "We have had vouchsafed to us a year of health, plenty and social advance. Our Commonwealth has been signally free from calamities. Our crops have been abundant. Our industries at the beginning of the year were languishing. They now are increasingly prosperous. The deplorable war in Europe may be the occasion of this prosperity. It is regrettable that the misfortunes of our neighbors should be a cause of our prosperity. The sooner we reach a sound economic condition based upon a normal competitive market, the better it will be for us. The present situation is one that will may cause us to take heed. The law of love is the only abiding law of progress. "In the spirit of solemn gratitude that we have been kept from the horrors of war and that we have been blessed of God with material and spiritual good, let us gather in our several places of worship to take our thanksgiving, to give thanks for bounteous blessings, and to appreciate our Heavenly Father for continuing guidance and help. "To this end and that we may be a holier and happier people, I, Martin Grove Brumbaugh, Governor of the Commonwealth, do designate and set aside Thursday, November 25, 1915, as Thanksgiving Day."

State Insurance Fund Rates.

Official announcement of the general plan of the State's rates for liability insurance in the workmen's compensation insurance fund was made by State Treasurer Robert K. Young, chairman of the Insurance Fund Board, in the following statement: "The board will make a reduction from the approved rates of the insurance rate manual of ten per cent and the minimum premium is fixed at \$5.00."

In connection with this announcement, the following explanatory statement was issued by Albert L. Allen, assistant manager of the State insurance fund: "This approved rate reduction of ten per cent, on all rates concerns all employers of labor in the State. The law creating the fund requires that the premium rates shall be fixed at the lowest amount consistent with the maintenance of a solvent fund and the creating of an adequate surplus and reserve. The fund pays no commissions to agents and does not have to earn profits for stockholders, while for the first three and one-half years the entire expenses of the management are paid by the State. The elimination of these expenses is sufficient to allow the board to write insurance at this reduced original rate. The balance remaining also gives every prospect of returning a very substantial rebate in dividends to subscribers at the end of the year, so as to bring the cost of insurance in the State down to a much lower basis. Employers may obtain their compensation insurance in the State at a rate lower than that charged by the stock and mutual companies and secure a complete release of their personal liability and full protection of their property against compensation liens. If the subscriber to the fund makes the report of an accident within seven days, his liability ceases and is transferred automatically to the fund, so that no valid lien can be filed against the property of an employer insuring in it. Every other form of insurance leaves the employer personally liable.

Must Get Auto Permit Promptly.

More than 4,000 applications have been received for 1915 automobile licenses by the automobile division of the State Highway Department. The new license plates have been received by the Department and, beginning December 1, they will be sent out to those who have applied for them. "Despite the fact that these new plates are not to be used before January 1, 1916, many inquiries have been received by the Department from owners who desire to use them as soon as they get them.

Pardon Board Cancels Meeting.

The November meeting of the State Board of Pardons has been canceled and the cases to have come up at that time have been continued until a meeting of the board, December 15.

May Name Justice November 25.

Governor Brumbaugh announced that he would not hurriedly name a Justice of the Supreme Court. He added that he might name one Thanksgiving Day or December 1.